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Samson Receives STRENGTH FROM GOD

Judges 15:9-16; 16:4-30



Instructions: Set out gel pens and a gift bow. Ask your child to look at the gifts around the page and think about what one of his or her gifts might be. For example, maybe your child is good at welcoming new kids in the neighborhood. In the blank gift package, have your child draw a self-portrait that shows your child using the gift in a way that makes God happy. For example, your child could draw a picture of himself or herself waving to a new neighbor. Help your child write his or her name on the gift tag. When your child is finished, place a gift bow onto the drawing to remind your child that God gives good gifts! (For additional classroom instructions, see the Teacher Guide.)

Help your child practice the gift of sharing

by making a gift to give away! Label a resealable plastic bag "Cinnamon Oats Baking Mix." Help your child measure and combine the following ingredients in the bag. Just shake to mix!

Combine 2 cups quick-cooking oats, 1 cup unbleached flour, 1 cup whole-wheat flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup dry-milk powder, 3 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons baking powder, and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cream of tartar. (Makes two batches.)

Copy the following recipe onto a note card, and help your child tape it onto the bag. Let your child give the gift to a neighbor. Encourage the neighbor to serve others by sharing the gift, too.



GIFT COOKIES

Cream together $\frac{3}{4}$ cup brown sugar and $\frac{2}{3}$ cup margarine until smooth; add 2 beaten eggs and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Stir in 2 cups of the "Cinnamon Oats Baking Mix." Drop the cookie mixture by spoonfuls onto a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a 350-degree oven about 10 minutes until the cookies are lightly browned. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

Daily Challenge

This week, your child learned that God gives good gifts.

Your child committed to one of the following

challenges to remember that God gives good gifts so we can serve others. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!

- Flex your muscles for a friend and tell him or her how God gave Samson a gift to serve others. God wants you to serve others with his good gifts, too.
- Serve others by telling them nice things. Say one nice thing to a friend or family member each day.
- Serve a couple of friends by helping them pick up their toys.

What I Learned Today...

Bible Story: This week's Bible story (Judges 15:9-16; 16:4-30) tells us that God gives good gifts. God gave Samson the gift of strength. Samson's people were from Judah, and their enemies were the Philistines. The Philistines paid a woman named Delilah to trick Samson into telling the secret of his strength. When Delilah found out the secret of Samson's strength was his long hair, the Philistines cut Samson's hair, blinded him, and put him in prison. While Samson was in prison, the Lord allowed him to have superstrength again. Samson pushed the pillars that were holding up the Philistines' temple. When the pillars broke, the whole building came crashing down on top of the Philistines. Samson used his God-given gift to bring God glory and defeat the mean Philistines.

Key Verse: Do not fear; God is with you (adapted from Isaiah 41:10).

ASK 🌀 How did it feel to make a gift to give away?

🌀 What do you think the person who receives the gift will do with the cookie mix?

🌀 What do you think God wants us to do with the gifts he gives us?

Exercise with your child and explore your

own God-given strengths. Challenge yourselves to be strong like Samson! Help your child learn to jump rope or do jumping jacks, or see how long you can hop up and down. Take a walk or jog around a lake or park. Celebrate your God-given gift of strength!

ASK 🌀 What exercises did you like best? Which were hard (or easy) for you?

🌀 God made Samson so strong that he could knock over a building! What would you do if you were that strong?

🌀 What gifts has God given you?

